

NASA Applied Sciences Program

Organizations Related to Coastal Management

The NASA Applied Sciences Program encourages teams and partnerships across public and private sectors, including national and regional organizations and associations. The following organizations are examples of national or regional associations related to Coastal Management.

(Note: This list is not exhaustive and is provided for reference and example only. The NASA Applied Sciences Program does not necessarily have established relationships with these organizations, and the Program does not imply endorsement of any organization on this list.)

❖ *Coastal States Organization (CSO):*

- **Location(s):** Washington, DC (HQ).
- **Mission Statement:** To support the shared vision of the coastal states, commonwealths and territories for the protection, conservation, responsible use and sustainable economic development of the nation's coastal and ocean resources.
- **Additional Info:** The Coastal States Organization (CSO) was established in 1970 to represent the Governors of the nation's thirty-five coastal states, commonwealths and territories on legislative and policy issues relating to the sound management of coastal, Great Lakes and ocean resources. Among CSO's main functions is to help states maintain their leadership role in the development and implementation of national coastal and ocean policy. CSO works with Congress to shape legislation, comment on proposed regulations, and arrange for state testimony. CSO advocates for increased federal funding and support for state-based coastal and ocean programs, as well as responsiveness of federal agency program administration and policies to state concerns.
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❖ *Estuarine Research Federation (ERF):*

- **Location(s):** Port Republic, MD (HQ).
- **Mission Statement:** To promote research in estuarine and coastal waters, promote communication between members of Affiliated Societies, conduct meetings, and be available as a source of advice in matters concerning estuaries and the coastal zone.
- **Additional Info:** The ERF is a multidisciplinary organization of individuals who study and manage the structure and functions of estuaries and the effects of human activities on these fragile environments. The Federations' members are dedicated towards advancing human understanding and appreciation of the Earth's estuaries and coasts, to the wise use and management of these environments and to making the results of their research and management actions available to their colleagues and to the public. Members include academic researchers, public sector managers, teachers, consultants, students, and other who are interested in estuaries.
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❖ *Coast Alliance (CA):*

- **Location(s)**: Washington, DC (HQ).
- **Mission Statement**: To increase awareness of the coast's value, to bring new and important scientific facts about coastal ecology to public attention, to encourage groups across the country to work to protect valuable coastal resources, and to urge federal, state and local governments to strengthen policies and programs to protect coastal ecosystems and habitats.
- **Additional Info**: Coast Alliance works with more than 600 state, local, and national organizations dedicated to preserving our ocean and coasts. These people work to protect the waters of the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico and the Great Lakes. The Coast Alliance provides outreach and technical support to these groups, represents coastal issues in our nation's capital, and addresses major coastal problems.
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❖ *Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education (CORE):*

- **Location(s)**: Washington, DC (HQ).
- **Mission Statement**: To promote, encourage, develop and support efforts to advance knowledge and learning in the science of oceanography and to disseminate such knowledge to the scientific community and to the public, to facilitate the formulation of goals, policies and objectives and provide advice and management for educational and research programs and facilities in oceanography and related fields, and to promote the exchange of information and knowledge to create, foster and encourage cooperative efforts among members of CORE and other U.S. scientists and federal, state and local agencies.
- **Additional Info**: CORE an association of made up of U.S. oceanographic research institutions, universities, laboratories, aquaria and industry. Our 81 members represent the nucleus of U.S. research and education about the ocean. CORE conducts a variety of public policy, research, and educational activities.
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❖ *Urban Harbors Institute (UHI):*

- **Location(s)**: Boston MA (HQ).
- **Mission Statement**: To utilize policy, scientific, planning, and management expertise to assist government and communities in tackling the problems and issues associated with harbors and coastal areas.
- **Additional Info**: The Urban Harbors Institute assists non-profit organizations, local community groups, and municipal and state governments in researching and analyzing coastal issues related to water quality, harbor management, waterfront land use, coastal management, coastal development and regulations. Nationally, the Institute has analyzed

federal legislation related to water transportation, and has advised federal officials on coastal issues. Internationally, the Institute has provided expertise to a number of counties developing integrated coastal management programs or addressing specific coastal issues. Our expertise includes harbor and port planning and management, integrated coastal management, natural resources protection, public education and participation, and water transportation.

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❖ *Seaweb:*

- **Location(s):** Washington, DC (HQ).
- **Mission Statement:** To raise awareness and inspire action to protect the ocean and the life within it.
- **Additional Info:** SeaWeb is a web of information anchored in science and interwoven with essential strands of social and political awareness. Through this web we will collect and share information about the importance and condition of the ocean to decision makers across the country and around the world. We aim to provide information and opinion from a broad spectrum of sources to help us all discover our connections to the ocean and become involved in the life of the sea. The work of SeaWeb is built upon the precepts that the ocean nurtures life as the source of breathable oxygen and rainfall, the ocean is not infinite neither as a food source nor as a garbage dump, the ocean affects us all, and that what we do affects the oceans.
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❖ *Coastal Conservation Association (CCA):*

- **Location(s):** Houston, TX (HQ).
- **Mission Statement:** To advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources.
- **Additional Info:** CCA is a non-profit organization comprised of 15 coastal state chapters spanning the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic seaboard. Its strength is drawn from the tens of thousands of recreational saltwater anglers who make up its membership. CCA has been active in virtually every national fisheries debate since 1984 and has participated productively in state and federal fisheries management issues for longer than two decades. CCA operates as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels.
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